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its as a teacher, which, indeed, cannot be exaggerated. He greatly popularized the pursuit of science in America, and the effect of his life and labors in this direction has been greater than that of any man, probably of many men. The pursuit of science was to him, as it should be to all, a duty undertaken for the elevation of human thought. That the visible nature is the material expression of the thoughts of God, was Agassiz's oft expressed belief. Doubtless he was correct, but the proof of it comes in a way different from that which this great naturalist anticipated; that is, through the direction of evolutionary descent. Perhaps if Agassiz had lived longer, he would have adopted this view, and embellished it as he did all his teachings.—C.

Nuttall's Ornithology.[2]—This hand-book of ornithology is published in two handsome volumes 8vo, of some 400 pp. each. It is practically a new edition of Nuttall's Manual, which has been out of print for several years, to which the editor has added brief notes relating the results of recent determinations in distribution and habits. The introduction is given exactly as it appeared in Nuttall's second edition, and the text of the biographical matter has been changed but little. To this Mr. Chamberlain adds a description of the plumage, nest and eggs of each species.

In his treatment of the subject, the author covers the entire area of the Eastern Faunal Province from the Gulf of Mexico to the Arctic Ocean. The nomenclature adopted is that of the Check List issued by the American Ornithologists' Union. The illustrations are mostly drawn especially for the work. They are of excellent quality and are of size appropriate to that of the pages.

Nuttall's Manual was for a long time the only text-book of American ornithology available to pockets of limited resources. Its style and treatment of the subject are most attractive, and it has probably done more to diffuse a knowledge of the subject than any other work. Boys read it who had access to no other, and many naturalists of to-day date their interest in their science to the charm of its pages. Although the excellent works of Coues and Ridgway have made us better acquainted with the science of ornithology, nothing has superseded Nuttall's work as a delineator of habits and manners of birds. It was a happy thought that resulted in the publication of this new edition under Mr. Chamberlain's editorship.

[2] A Popular Hand-book of the Ornithology of the United States and Canada, based on Nuttall's Manual. By Montague Chamberlain. Boston: Little, Brown & Co., 1891.